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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- January 1982

I. GENERAL

The inflation rate in Israel continues to be troublesome. For 1981 it stood at 101.5 percent, narrowly missing the government's announced target of lowering it into double-digit figures. The effect of this economic calamity can be dramatically illustrated by examining salaries for the bureau's FSN's: a senior monitor at the FSN-9/1 grade made 91,639 shekels on 1 January 1981; by January 1982 this salary had risen to 236,932 shekels, an increase of 159 percent. In dollar terms at the prevailing exchange rates the salary went from \$12,106 to \$15,266, which still represents a hefty 26 percent increase. If the government is unable to reduce the rate of inflation, a senior monitor could be making nearly a million shekels annually by 1984.

Consumers in Israel were faced with the following price increases in goods and services in 1981, while the dollar increased in value against the shekel by 105 percent:

| | <u>PERCENTAGE INCREASE 1981</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fruit and vegetables | 115 |
| Clothing and shoes | 146 |
| Education and entertainment | 114 |
| Housing | 132 |
| Private medical services | 174 |
| Outerwear | 155 |
| Cinema tickets | 163 |
| Concert tickets | 180 |
| Sporting events tickets | 197 |
| School supply expenses | 133 |
| Newspapers and magazines | 112 |
| Dental care | 115 |
| Restaurant meals | 120 |

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

The Hebrew section's activities for the month were highlighted by two trips to Israel by Secretary of State Haig. The first visit, on the 14th, was undertaken to resolve differences between the United States and Israel deriving from last month's passing of a bill

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extending the application of Israeli law to the Golan Heights. The second visit, beginning on 27 January, was intended to help get the stalled autonomy negotiations moving.

On the 26th there was still another attempt by Knesset members to pass a motion of nonconfidence in Prime Minister Begin's government. Begin supporters won the latest vote 55 to 52. Unlike previous nonconfidence sessions, on this occasion Israeli radio did not broadcast live coverage of the Knesset debate leading to the vote.

B. LATERAL SERVICING

Bureau duty editors prepared a special package of noteworthy incoming and outgoing wirefiled items for the use of Secretary of State Haig during his two visits to Israel during the month. The items were hand carried to Haig at Ben-Gurion Airport and Jerusalem by embassy political officers.

On 26th January, Counselor for Political Affairs Paul Hare requested that the bureau refile a commentary appearing in the MA'ARIV newspaper to Secretary of State Haig in Geneva. The commentary, critical of U.S. policy, said Haig's upcoming visit was "utterly unnecessary."

In response to a request from Cologne, throughout the month the bureau sent drop copies to DW of all processed Turkish language voice material.

In an effort to have a better grasp of developments in Greece, especially those matters bearing on Turkey, the bureau asked Nicosia on 7 January to drop copies to us of all Greek items processed by Nicosia. The Turkish monitors have found the material to be of value in staying abreast of current events.

C. COVERAGE

The Turkish section began temporary coverage of the Istanbul dailies CUMHURIYET and HURRIYET as of 28 January while Nicosia's Turkish monitor is on leave.

D. TECHNICAL

During the month bureau technicians assisted the embassy telephone maintenance man in removing a telephone switching box from a wall mounting in the telecommunications room and installed it in the editorial room. In addition, various telephone cables extending the length of the bureau were placed inside a wall conduit. The removal of the box from the crowded telecommunications room frees badly needed space for a rearrangement of equipment.

Technicians began working on the installation of a position for an Arab-language monitor. The position will be in the same booth as the current Persian-language monitor.

A new Canon NP 200 photocopier was installed in the editorial

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section in late December.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Bureau Cruising Officer [] departed on
13 January for a lengthy TDY at London Bureau.

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Hebrew Monitor [] resigned for personal
reasons on 9 January.

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Teletypist [] was promoted to FSN-5 on
24 January.

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Attachments: A. Production Report
B. Communications Report

TEL AVIV BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1982ATTACHMENT AI. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 333,000

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 63,700

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 999

| | <u>BROADCASTS</u> | <u>PRESS AGENCIES</u> | <u>PUBLICATIONS</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week) | 6,543 min. | 10,590 min. | 49 issues |

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CLANDESTINE

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran | 10,800 |
| (Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Persian to Iran | 900 |
| (Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus | 0 |
| (Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus | 3,000 |
| (Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey | 1,000 |
| (Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish to Europe and Turkey | 7,300 |

ISRAEL

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|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Jerusalem Domestic Service in English | 18,600 |
| Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew | 85,800 |
| Jerusalem Domestic Television Service in Hebrew | 16,000 |
| Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew | 15,600 |
| Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew | 6,600 |
| Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English | 0 |

| | <u>BROADCASTS</u> | <u>PRESS AGENCIES</u> | <u>PUBLICATIONS</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| ISRAEL (cont'd) | | | |
| Jerusalem POST in | | | |
| English | | | 30,000 |
| Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in | | | |
| Hebrew | | | 6,300 |
| Tel Aviv DAVAR in | | | |
| Hebrew | | | 13,000 |
| Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in | | | |
| Hebrew | | | 31,500 |
| Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in | | | |
| Hebrew | | | 0 |
| Tel Aviv HATZOFE in | | | |
| Hebrew | | | 5,800 |
| Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in | | | |
| Hebrew | | | 34,600 |
| Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in | | | |
| Hebrew | | | 13,800 |
| LEBANON | | | |
| Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in | | | |
| English | 400 | | |
| TURKEY | | | |
| Ankara Domestic Service in | | | |
| Turkish | 21,800 | | |
| Ankara ANATOLIA in | | | |
| Turkish | | 900 | |
| Ankara ANATOLIA in | | | |
| English | | 7,500 | |
| Ankara ANATOLIA in | | | |
| French | | 300 | |
| | | 200 | STAT |
| UNITED KINGDOM | | | |
| London BBC World Service in | | | |
| English | 300 | | |
| USSR | | | |
| Moscow in | | | |
| Dari to Afghanistan | | 0 | |
| Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in | | | |
| Hebrew to Israel | 1,000 | | |

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1982 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 333,000 (376,300)
 TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 63,700 (77,900)
 DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 12,797 (14,662)
 HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 26,300 ON 15 January
 LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 3,090 ON 9 January

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 0 HOURS, 0 PERCENT.
 OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 0 HOURS, 0 PERCENT.
 EXTENDED OUTAGES: 0

3. MESSAGES RECEIVED VIA THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT FOR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
 TEL AVIV TOTALED 1,028, OF WHICH 968 CARRIED THE BUREAU AS AN
 ADDRESSEE.

4. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 0 (1,630)

NB. Figures from preceding month in parentheses.